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Modi rally today

The venue at Maharaja's College Grounds where PM Narendra Modi will be addressing the election rally this evening. Picture right shows the Police on security duty.

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (RK&DM)- The sprawling Maharaja's College Grounds in city has turned into a fortress with Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to address a mammoth public rally at 5 this evening.

The Police have made elaborate and foolproof security arrangements for the PM's visit.

The venue is buzzing, as thousands of people from across the five districts are eagerly waiting to hear the Prime Minister as he addresses the BJP poll rally seeking votes for BJP candidates from Mysuru-Kodagu and Chamarajanagar LS seats which will go to the polls on Apr. 18.

People have started arriving in buses and other modes of transport from in and around Mysuru District and started filling the venue from 2 pm itself braving the scorching sun.

Narendra Modi's rally has enthused BJP workers, who are working overtime to ensure a huge crowd. BJP leaders are expecting a crowd of over one lakh from Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya and Kodagu districts.

The Prime Minister, who addressed a BJP poll rally at Chitradurga this afternoon, is scheduled to arrive at Mandakalli Airport at 4.40 pm by a special flight. After landing at the airport, the PM will travel to the venue Maharaja's College Grounds by road, passing through Nanjangud Road, Gun House Circle, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle, JLB Road, MUDA Circle and Kautilya Circle under SPG security.

After addressing the rally, the PM will leave Maharaja's College Grounds at 5.45 pm and travel by road in the same route back to Mandakalli Airport, from where he will fly to Coimbatore at 6 pm.

City Police have made arrangements for maintaining zero-traffic on the VVIP's route from Mandakalli Airport to Maharaja's College Grounds, one hour before the PM's arrival and half-an-hour after he leaves the city.

(See MODI on page 8)

COUNTDOWN
for Mysuru-Kodagu

2019 LS POLLS
9 Days to go

Movie-makers vying to register film titles inspired from poll trolls

Mysuru, Apr.9 (NNN)- The Indian affair between politics and films is a very old one. Now with the election season on, Bollywood is ready to capitalise on the million emotions the country is experiencing, especially following the tension between India and Pakistan.

Hence, the film-makers are making a beeline to the Film Chambers to register film titles. Not to be left behind is our own Sandalwood film-makers who are also rushing to the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) to register film titles.

All this started in Karnataka when Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy uttered a sentence during the launch of the music album for *'Jaguar'* in which his son Nikhil was making a debut. The proud father called out to his son *"Nikhil ello kantha illa, ellidyappa?"* (Nikhil you can't be seen, where are you?). This scene unfolded three years ago when Kumaraswamy called out from the stage and his son replied that he was among the people who loved his father and grandfather. Both the father-son then did not imagine that three years down the line, they would be involved in a heated political battle where the latter would be contesting against a fierce opponent like Sumalatha Ambarish in Mandya, the hotbed of politics.

A few of the film-makers realising that they could make filmy capital out of it started queuing up to register films titled *"Nikhil Ellidyappa"* before the KFCC.

However, the KFCC has thrown cold water on their plans by declining permission and asking them to wait till elections are over. No doubt *Nikhil Ellidyappa* tops the list of most sought after title names, but other phrases which were used during this poll season are also in demand like *Jodethu* (a pair of oxen) a word uttered by actor Darshan, referring to him and actor Yash, campaigning for Mandya independent candidate Sumalatha, as well as *Kallethu* (these oxen are thieves). This was uttered by the CM in Mandya which have also attracted the film-makers' attention.

Meanwhile, after the box office success of *Uri: The Surgical Strike*, at least five production houses have hurried to the Indian Motion Pictures Association Office in Mumbai to register titles like *From Pulwama to Abhinandan, Balakot, Surgical Strikes 2.0, Pulwama Attacks* and *Hindustan Hamara Hai.*

It may be recalled, the Congress had bought the rights to *"Jai Ho..."* the Oscar-winning song from *"Slumdog Millionaire"* for its poll campaign in 2009.

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Mysuru, Tuesday 9th April 2019

Craving for *Caring*

Grandma knows best what is *best* for grandpa. After years, nay decades of togetherness, marked by mutual caring, the duo recollects with mixed feelings, the ups and downs faced in their long journey of life. Their dismay is at being not included in the family fold, particularly in urban spaces witnessing predominance of nuclear families, yet craving for care as its ingredients of factors that compel drastic changes in their outlook to life. They have their beliefs, clinging to customs, tied by traditions, sticking to simplicity in matters of food and attire, which is irksome to give up. They have faced family feuds, dared diseases, remained stoic in times of loss of kith and kin during epidemics, played mentor role only when sought, and finally taking in their strides the hardships that come with age, including loss of vision, teeth, digestion, sleep, physical strength and many of their lifelong friends and well-wishers.

Generation gap on many well-marked counts, a global feature of society, the less it is accepted as inevitable, the more is the agony bugging the grannies. Fortunate are the grandpa-grandma couple, who are bestowed respect and love in word and deed by all in the family, raising their happiness and mitigating their miseries. The younger lot will do well to remember that their time lies ahead.

All will be well in the enlarged family if it has spared cash crunch and scarce space to live in comfort. Yet, the factor of *broad-mindedness* in accepting the needs of life can make or mar congenial ambience in the family. Given the delicate nature of relationships between the young and the aged, the former lot must be vigilant not to make the latter to feel as second-class members of the family that they have raised. The first charge of the young housewife, unarguably, is to provide the elderly lot with diet that suits their taste and relishing without the least compromise. In this context, observation made by Mysuru-based, globe-trotting food technologist Dr. V. Prakash at a conference on food and health organised by Mysuru Chapter of CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association in CFTRI campus that health of senior citizens in India is deteriorating as there is lack of quality food products hints at stressing on research aimed at ensuring good health of senior citizens.

The grannies must be granted the wisdom of following the game of living a healthy life in body and mind. Their craving for *caring* is plainly just and the gen next owes it to themselves to respond positively to that craving.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If I had a Time Machine, I would go back in history to when man invented plastic and possibly shoot him or her in the face. Yes, it may be an exceedingly sweeping and knee-jerk reaction, but seems to be the only way out sometimes. The threat of wars seem less gloomy than the damage we have been wreaking on the planet and its inhabitants through the unscrupulous use and misuse of plastic products. But all plastic isn't created equal and it is important to make the distinction. The indispensability of this material does make it an essential in our daily lives but in many scientific and technical fields its application is irreplaceable. So to re-state my stance, in as much as I would love to envision a plastic-free world, I understand that in certain situations you cannot do without it. However, I am most miffed about single-use plastic — think straws, cups, water bottles, bags and all the other stuff, which is up for neither reuse nor recycling. Single-use plastic is also the largest contributing pollutant on Earth, second only to the crap that our politicians spew without end.

— Magandeep Singh in The New Sunday Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

The aquarium toilet of Japan

Tokyo: If you don't mind hundreds of fish watching you while you answer nature's call, you'll love to use the unique aquarium toilet at Akashi in Japan.

The owner of Hipopo Papa (formerly Mumin Papa) Cafe, one of the most popular dating spots on Hayashizaki Matsue Coast decided to do something special with the women's toilet and it became famous primarily for being the only cafe in Japan – and probably the world – to feature an aquarium toilet. It's technically surrounded on three sides by a giant aquarium filled with hundreds of exotic fish and a male turtle, which, considering this is a women's only toilet, is a bit weird.

The owner reportedly spent $270,000 creating this marvel, though trial and error, in an attempt to recreate the pleasant sensation of attending natutre's call while swimming in the ocean.

Parking shock for shoppers at supermarket

London: Shoppers at Lidl Supermarket in Gloucestershire, UK, recently reported mysterious anomalies with their car alarms and central locking systems which left them unable to leave the parking lot.

Last month several shoppers reported of being unable to lock or unlock their cars or disable their alarm systems, and dozens shared similar experiences on social media. Most of the "victims" though the batteries of their car alarm keys had died, but the symptoms persisted even after changing the batteries.

Some thought that the Internet-based traffic cameras installed in the car park, may be blocking systems, but the supermarket chain claims that's very unlikely. Some shoppers complained to Lidl's head-office about the bizzare phenomenon, but they have yet to hear back from the company. I guess Lidl is just clueless as everybody else.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's the difference between turmeric and curcumin?

Turmeric is a perennial plant from the ginger family. It is native to India and South East Asia. One of the active constituents in the turmeric plant is curcumin, noted for its familiar bright yellow colour.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

SSLC evaluation procedure begins in city

Mysuru, Apr.9 (RK&DM)- With the actual evaluation of SSLC answer scripts scheduled to begin from tomorrow, the evaluation procedure began today at six centres across the city.

The Deputy Chiefs, who have been tasked with overseeing the preparations and set out modalities for the evaluation of answer scripts, arrived at these centres and began their job.

Meanwhile, DDPI Panduranga speaking to *SOM* this morning, ruled out any delay in the announcement of SSLC results as reported in a section of the press.

Pointing out that the entry of marks has been computerised, thus saving a lot of time, Panduranga said that the evaluation of answer scripts will commence from tomorrow, with Assistant Examiners taking part. The evaluation will end on Apr.20, he added. There are 6 evaluation centres in the city — Cauvery High School, Kuvempunagar; Nirmala Convent, VV Mohalla; Chinmaya High School, Jayalakshmipuram; Vijaya Vittala School, Saraswathipuram; Gnana Ganga High School, Kuvempunagar and St. Philomena's High School, NR Mohalla.

In order to ensure smooth evaluation, the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders as per Section 35 of Karnataka Police Act, 1963, in 200 mts radius of all the 6 exam Centres in city.

The ban orders will be in force from 6 am to 6 pm on all the days and tight Police security has been provided around all the exam centres.

SSLC results likely to be delayed this year due to polls

Mysuru, Apr.9- The Lok Sabha elections scheduled during the examination period is likely to delay the announcement of SSLC results as teachers appointed for evaluation work are also deputed for election duty.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, a source in the Karnataka State Education and Examination Board (KSEEB), said that the SSLC results will be delayed by at least one to two weeks this time, though there is no official confirmation about it.

The Lok Sabha elections are being held in two phases in Karnataka, that is on Apr.18 and Apr.23. Hence, most of the SSLC teachers will be involved in election work also.

The reason, the source said, was because there is shortage of nearly 60 per cent staff for evaluation, tabulation and computation of the answer scripts as most of the teachers are deputed for election duty.

Really...?

- ***Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.***
- ***The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.***
- ***In Calama, a town in the Atacama Desert of Chile, it has never rained.***
- ***Antarctica is the only continent without reptiles or snakes.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

I daily observe a group of ladies sitting in the park talking and laughing loudly.
One day I observed all the ladies were silent. There must be some serious issue or an incident.
So I went to a lady and asked,
"Why everybody is silent today?"
She replied, "All are present today…"
IT TOOK ME A FEW MINUTES TO UNDERSTAND THIS !!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 69.67
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 91.11
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 18.97
1 Euro	= Rs. 78.50

VOICE OF THE READER

Poll manifestos, a mirage

Sir,

The recent spate of release of manifestos ahead of the upcoming General Elections is only seen as a move to appease the Opposition parties. The manifestos presented witnesses no real issues being met to appease the end participants, that is the VOTERS.

The manifestos remain a mirage only till the announcement of the next General Election dates, as by the time a voter realises that 5-year period has gone away, it is yet another round of promises which strongly remain rooted within the political corridors than touching the common man at ground-level.

At a time when India is facing severe drinking water crises and flood/cyclone related policy issues that need immediate attention at the highest level, surprisingly finds no mention. Fulfilling the promise of a clean drinking water to every house as a priority is yet a distant dream than building a dream *kuccha* house as promised by some parties.

Fighting climate change remains no longer a mere air-dashing opportunity and fancy meeting of diplomatic conventions but a key point which needs to be highlighted in the manifestos.

Providing public transport as an affordable mode of transport within urban areas is the need of the hour, as many cities witness uncontrollable traffic mess. Finally, necessary steps to the ever-increasing risk of air pollution, especially in cities like Delhi, finds no mention in the manifestos.

A common man finds no connection with the promises as presented in the key manifestos. The political stakeholders should understand that the voters remain deep-rooted at the ground-level and are required to address issues related to clean drinking water, finding solutions to traffic mess, air pollution, water pollution and availing affordable public transport.

—S.D. Varun

Bengaluru
8.4.2019

Corrections and Clarifications

Moditva and the 14 slogans

In the *Abracadabra* titled ***"Hark! Modi comes to Mysuru"*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on page-8, the 14 slogans mentioned in the book titled *"Moditva: The Idea Behind the Man"* were inadvertently omitted in the column. The 14 slogans are as follows:

1. Secularism means India first, **2.** Minimum government, maximum governance, **3.** Government has no business to be in business, **4.** Co-operative, not coercive federalism for a strong republic, **5.** Development politics over vote-bank politics, **6.** *Aatma gaanv ki, suvidha sheher ki,* **7.** Tourism unites, terrorism divides, **8.** Per drop more crop, **9.** Farm to fibre, fibre to factory, factory to fashion, fashion to foreign (5F), **10.** From a nation of snake-charmers to mouse-charmers, **11.** Take the University outside the campus, **12.** *Pehle sauchalaye, phir devalaya,* **13.** Economy with mass production by the masses and **14.** People public private partnership (4P). **—Ed**

Osho residential meditation camp

Mysuru, Apr. 9- The Friends of Osho in Mysuru have organised Osho residential meditation camp at Osho Sannidhi, Uttanahalli, Mysuru Taluk from Apr.11 to 14.

In the camp, Osho's Dynamic, Kundalini, Nadabrahma, Sufi and Vipassana Meditation techniques will be guided to the participants. For registration and details contact Maneesha on Mob: 9480278144 or Bhavbhini on Mob: 9900144119.

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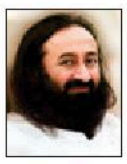
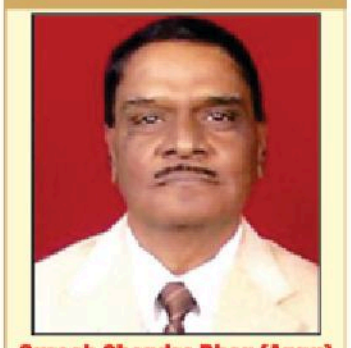


Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living, Mysuru Chapter, has organised Intuition Process (Prajna Yoga) on Apr. 15 and 16 at Gnanakshetra, Art of Living Ashram, Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru: **For Seniors: On Apr. 15 and Apr.16 from 3 pm to 6 pm and for Juniors on Apr. 15 and Apr. 16 from 1 pm to 3 pm.** Those aged between 8-18 years (seniors) and 5 - 8 years (juniors) are eligible. For registration contact Mob: 9986698600 or 9342111970.

4th year Fond Remembrance



Suresh Chandra Bhan (Appu)
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Time has not dimmed your sweet memories nor erased our deep grief, we still feel your smiling presence which indeed was too brief.

From:
Suchitha Suresh, Anu, Pramodh and Jemima, NSW Australia

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NEWS BRIEFS

S.M. Krishna in city tomorrow

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna will be in city tomorrow to take part in the inaugural function of Neuro Zone (Brain-Spine Institute and Research Centre), the new wing of Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital (GGSMH), at the hospital premises in Nazarbad on Apr.10. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will inaugurate the Centre at 11 am. GGSM Group of Hospitals Managing Director Dr. H.V. Santhrupth and American Board Certified Neurologist, Stroke Specialist and Neuro Zone MD Dr. H.V. Shusrutha will be present.

Study book for FDA and SDA

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.J. Betsurmath will release 'Adhyayana,' a study book for the written exam to be conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) for recruitment to First Division Assistant (FDA)/ Second Division Assistant (SDA) posts, at a programme to take place at Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College premises on JLB Road in city at 6 pm tomorrow (Apr.10). The book is brought out by Jnanabuthi for the benefit of FDA/ SDA aspirants. Senior Journalists Amshi Prasannakumar and C.K. Mahendra will be the guests of honour. Writer and humorist Prof. M. Krishnegowda will preside over the programme, according to a press release.

Neurosurgical camp on Apr.14

Srian Envisions, Mysuru, will be conducting a free Neurosurgical Health Camp at No.32, 15th Cross, V.V. Mohalla (Vontikoppal), near Kalidasa Road, at 10 am on Apr.14 (Sunday). Dr. Anil Sangli, Senior Neuro and Spine Surgeon, will take part. People suffering from headache, neck and back pain, loss of consciousness, fits, difficulty in walking, learning, disabilities, spinal problems, stroke, brain and spinal cord injury, brain tumours, head injury, etc., may attend the camp. For details, contact Mob: 99808-65600, according to a press release from Srian Envisions.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	92.70 ft
Yesterday	93.22 ft
Inflow	81 cusecs
Outflow	38.38 cusecs

Lok Sabha Polls: Pratap Simha appeals OBCs for support

MP Pratap Simha addressing a meeting of Nayaka and OBC leaders at the BJP's new office in Chamarajapuram in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.9 (RK&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu LS MP and BJP candidate Pratap Simha has appealed Nayaka and other OBC communities for support in the LS Polls.

Addressing a meeting of Nayaka and OBC leaders at the city BJP's new office in Chamarajapuram here yesterday, Pratap Simha said that he had raised the issue of including Talwar and Uppara communities in the ST list in the Parliament.

Maintaining that he will again raise the issue if re-elected as MP, Simha recalled the support he had got from the Backward Communities in the previous LS Polls.

Highlighting the contribution of Modi's Government for the welfare of Dalits, Backward Classes and Minorities, Simha said that PM Modi needs the co-operation of all sections of the society for taking the country to much greater heights.

Pointing out that PM Modi was the most capable leader who can lead the country on all fronts, Simha appealed the people to vote for BJP candidates and thus re-elect Modi in the interests of the country.

BJP Spokesperson Dr. Vamanacharya, former MLA Maruthi Rao Pawar, leaders Shivakumar, Chikkamma Basavaraju, Kamalamma Bhaskar, Jogi Manju, Ramesh, Raghu and others were present.

Dist. Admin to set up six Ethnic Booths to attract tribal voters

Mysuru, Apr.9 (MK&SR)- The Mysuru District Administration has decided to set up six Ethnic Booths at different places across Mysuru Lok Sabha constituency to attract tribal voters during this LS polls. The voting percentage in the previous Assembly polls had registered an increase of three percent in tribal areas and hilly dominated areas after such Booths were set up.

This year, the Ethnic Booths will be set up at Government Higher Primary School (Booth Number 221) in Mattur Colony (Rajiv Grama) and Abbalathi Government Higher Primary School (Booth No.230) of Periyapatna taluk; Lakkipattana Girijana Ashrama School (Booth No.252) and Nagapura Ashrama School (Booth No.261) of Hunsur taluk; Basavanagiri tribal hamlet's Government Girijana Ashrama School (Booth No.57) and Penjahalli Colony Girijana Ashrama School (Booth No.136) of H.D. Kote taluk.

Zilla Panchayat CEO K. Jyothi said that there are 210 tribal hamlets in Mysuru district. All measures have been taken up to increase the voting percentage in these areas by setting up such Booths besides other efforts urging tribals to take part in electoral process for success of democracy.

Booths portraying tribal cultures were set up in Hunsur and H.D. Kote taluks during the 2018 Assembly Polls. The aim of setting up such Booths was to attract tribals, who seldom vote and get busy with their routine work.

Tribal leaders and voters had welcomed the move under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme for drawing voters to Polling Booths.

A file photo of Ethnic Booth set up at Nagapura during previous election.

The Polling Officials at the Ethnic Booths will wear traditional peta (headgear), white shirt, dhoti and shalya.

Leaders join BJP

Mysuru, Apr.9- Days ahead of the LS Polls, several leaders from H.D. Kote taluk joined the BJP in the presence of Chamarajanagar BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad, MLA and former Minister B. Sriramulu and District BJP President M. Shivanna here recently.

Former BSP District President Devadatta, H.D. Kote Taluk Vokkaliga Sangha Vice-President Puttegowda, Hosahalli Mahila Sangha President H.N. Sudha, Beechanahalli Mahila Sangha President Nagarathnamma, Saragur Youth Leader Ramu, Human Rights Activist Shantala, Bidarahalli GP President Nayaka, leaders Krishna Nayaka, Chikkanna, Ravi Nayaka and others were among those who joined the party.

Former Super Cop H.T. Sangliana bids adieu to Congress

Says party's negligence towards Christian community is the reason

Sangliana

Mysuru, Apr.9- H.T. Sangliana, retired IPS Officer and Vice-President of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), resigned from Congress yesterday after the party denied tickets to Christian community in Karnataka.

He stated Congress' negligence towards the Christian community is the reason behind his resignation. His resignation came just five days after former Minister J. Alexander quit the party.

Sangliana was an aspirant for the party ticket from Bengaluru Central LS seat. "I am deeply pained that I was not considered for Bengaluru Central," he said.

Sangliana was the only Christian among the proposed Congress candidates. He accused Congress of side-lining the Christian community in the LS Polls.

In a letter addressed to the Congress Chief Rahul Gandhi, Sangliana said, "I feel sad that the Congress party has lost its focus and neglected the minority Christian community."

Sangliana alleged that no representation has been given to the Christian community in Karnataka by Congress in the upcoming LS Polls as not a single LS seat was allotted to them.

Showing his dismay at Congress' 'indifferent attitude towards the Christian community,' he said: "not even a single seat has been given to the Christian community in the State."

Sangliana said that he had conveyed concerns of the community to Priyanka Gandhi Vadra when Rahul Gandhi was campaigning in Madhya Pradesh; however, no action has been taken.

"The State Congress leadership as well as the High Command has completely sidelined the Christians and pro-rata representation has not been considered during the allocation of the Parliamentary tickets from INC (Indian National Congress)," said Sangliana.

Heavy rains lash city last night

Respite from sweltering heat, but if rain stops temperature may soar

Lightning flash spread across the night sky near K.R. Circle that is aglow with lights, even as rains lashed the city last night. Picture right shows a tree that was uprooted on the busy Gokulam Road near B.M. Habitat Mall in Jayalakshmipuram.

Mysuru, Apr.9 (SBD, RK, MTY&NNN)- The long overdue welcome rains accompanied by gusty winds, thunder and lightning lashed the city last night. The temperature had soared in the last one-and-a-half months touching about 38 to 39 degrees Celsius.

The rains were expected during Ugadi festival but people were disappointed that it did not rain. However, just two days later it started raining bringing smiles on people's faces even as the temperature cooled down.

The rain began around 8.30 pm accompanied by thunder, lightning and it rained heavily for more than one-and-a-half hours. As a result the branches of trees fell and in low lying areas water entered the houses. The power also went off which caused more problems.

The rains washed the rubble onto roads making driving difficult, especially for two-wheelers. Even roadside eateries and vendors were affected.

Trees fall in many places: Trees have fallen in parts of the city including in Javaregowda Park at Saraswathipuram, Hanumanthanagar and Udayagiri. A branch has fallen on the electric pole in Siddiquinagar. Water has entered into homes in Subashnagar, Medar Block and other low lying areas causing problems to residents.

The residents of Vijayanagar, N.R. Mohalla, Metagalli, BM Shri Nagar, Yelwal, Mandi Mohalla, Shivarampet and others areas experienced power cuts.

Rainwater was seen overflowing from manholes and open drains near Mahadevapura Layout Road in Hebbal and near Trinetra Circle and Reliance Mart (Discount World). The Under Ground Drainage was blocked and as a result water was overflowing from the manholes. The Mysuru City Corporation personnel were busy clearing the manholes and UGDs this morning.

Tree branches had fallen in Yadavagiri, Gokulam and Brindavan Extension where there is thick tree cover and the busy KRS Road was awashed with stones and mud covering, thus hindering traffic movements.

Many traffic signals in major junctions had stopped functioning due to power cuts and creating traffic chaos for office-goers. The CESC staff were seen repairing transformers and attending to fallen electricity poles.

In rural areas like Periyapatna and H.D. Kote, two coconut trees caught fire as lightning struck them. The snakes which get stuck in coconut trees during this period are unable to come down and they end up being burnt when coconut trees catch fire, said a villager speaking to *SOM*.

At Maharaja's College Grounds

The Maharaja's College Grounds is fully ready to receive Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is arriving in the city today. However, due to heavy rains last night the venue was flooded with water and caused inconvenience to the organisers. But the temporary covering of most of the areas where seating arrangements has been done is so good that the chairs were not affected. However, the carpets laid had become a bit wet.

The Police and the workers already involved in the work had to take shelter under the shamiana. There was water-logging near the check posts put up for elections which affected the operations, it is said. However, no untoward incident was reported due to heavy rains. This welcome shower has no doubt brought a sigh of relief for the people. But in the coming days if it does not rain then the temperature is going to go up again causing problems to the people. They have also to be wary of communicable diseases.

More rains likely

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department has predicted more rains in the next four to five days. In Mysuru there is likely to be light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm starting around 8.30 pm on all the four days.

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Necessary evils, too, are evil

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Everyone knows that this election is a game-changer. It is becoming clear that it is a convention-breaker as well. Things that were no-no in electioneering are now accepted norms. Things to which T.N. Seshan said "out" are now "in." The founding fathers of America said that, even at its best, governments were a necessary evil. Ditto with post-Seshan elections.

That a judicial ruling should contribute to this feeling is disturbing. Bangalore City Civil Court issued a blanket order banning 49 media outlets from publishing anything "defamatory" against BJP candidate Tejasvi Surya. This was the first instance of a prior restraint order against a class of persons. And it happened at election time. Legal circles were quick to argue that the order was unconstitutional.

Beyond that, the idea that a candidate should ask for a gag order against media raised suspicions. Public curiosity led to reports that there were allegations of misconduct against Surya. The end result was that the gag order drew attention to a questionable aspect of Surya's persona as much as to the sidelining of the spirit of democracy by the court.

While Surya wants to stop the world from talking about him, he wants full freedom to say what he pleases. In a public statement a week ago, he said, "If you are not with Modi, you are anti-India." Should courts stop the media, and the public, from reacting to such an anti-India statement? Our election rules make it obligatory for candidates to disclose the number of criminal cases, if any, against them. In such an environment, are not allegations against a candidate a matter of public interest? It is clear that Surya was given a privilege he did not deserve. The "interim order" will come up for review only when the case is taken up for hearing again, which conveniently is on May 27, after the counting of votes will be over. Who is fooling whom?

Surya is BJP's candidate in the Bangalore South Constituency which had elected H.N. Ananth Kumar six times in a row. In the first election after Ananth Kumar's untimely death, his wife Tejaswini was a natural choice for the BJP, not merely because she was his widow but because, in her own right, she was an activist NGO leader supported by the entire State leadership of the BJP. But the BJP's destiny-makers in Delhi picked Surya for reasons only they knew. Local BJP leaders were unhappy and came round only after school master Amit Shah used his cane stick to discipline his boys. Given Surya's unpopularity among local BJP leaders, he would have lost. But the Congress came to his rescue by putting up its most unwinnable candidate Hari Prasad in Bangalore South. The stars are on BJP's side.

That explains, also, why big leaders violate Election Commission rules and the EC takes only *naam-ke-wastey* actions. Kalyan Singh, the Governor of a State, publicly asks people to vote for BJP. The EC brings it to the notice of the President of India. Adityanath, a Chief Minister, refers to the Indian Army as *"Modiji Ki Sena."* Initially only UP's Chief Electoral Officer seeks a report from the District Electoral Officer. The EC sends a notice to Air India for issuing boarding passes with Modi pictures on them. Air India does not even reply and EC "conveys its displeasure" to Air India's Chairman. The EC "pulls up" the Railways for using paper cups with Modi propaganda on them, but the Railways take their own time to withdraw the cups.

The game is clear. The BJP uses India's State machinery for party propaganda in ways that have never happened before and ignoring the fact that necessary evils, too, are evil. All that EC does is to go through the motions of action. Those who are asked to explain know that the EC is under the same compulsions as they are. This is an unfamiliar India becoming all too familiar.

In the process, unheard-of things are happening. A TV channel starts broadcasting without getting the permits the law stipulates. NaMo TV is not in the list of channels permitted by the I & B Ministry. Its ownership is unknown. Yet it broadcasts on a government-sponsored channel and is backed by government advertisements. Belatedly the EC asked the I & B Ministry for an explanation — like all the other explanations it asked for in all the other irregularities. We could have found solace in the old saying: This too will pass. Except that we can't be sure, alas.

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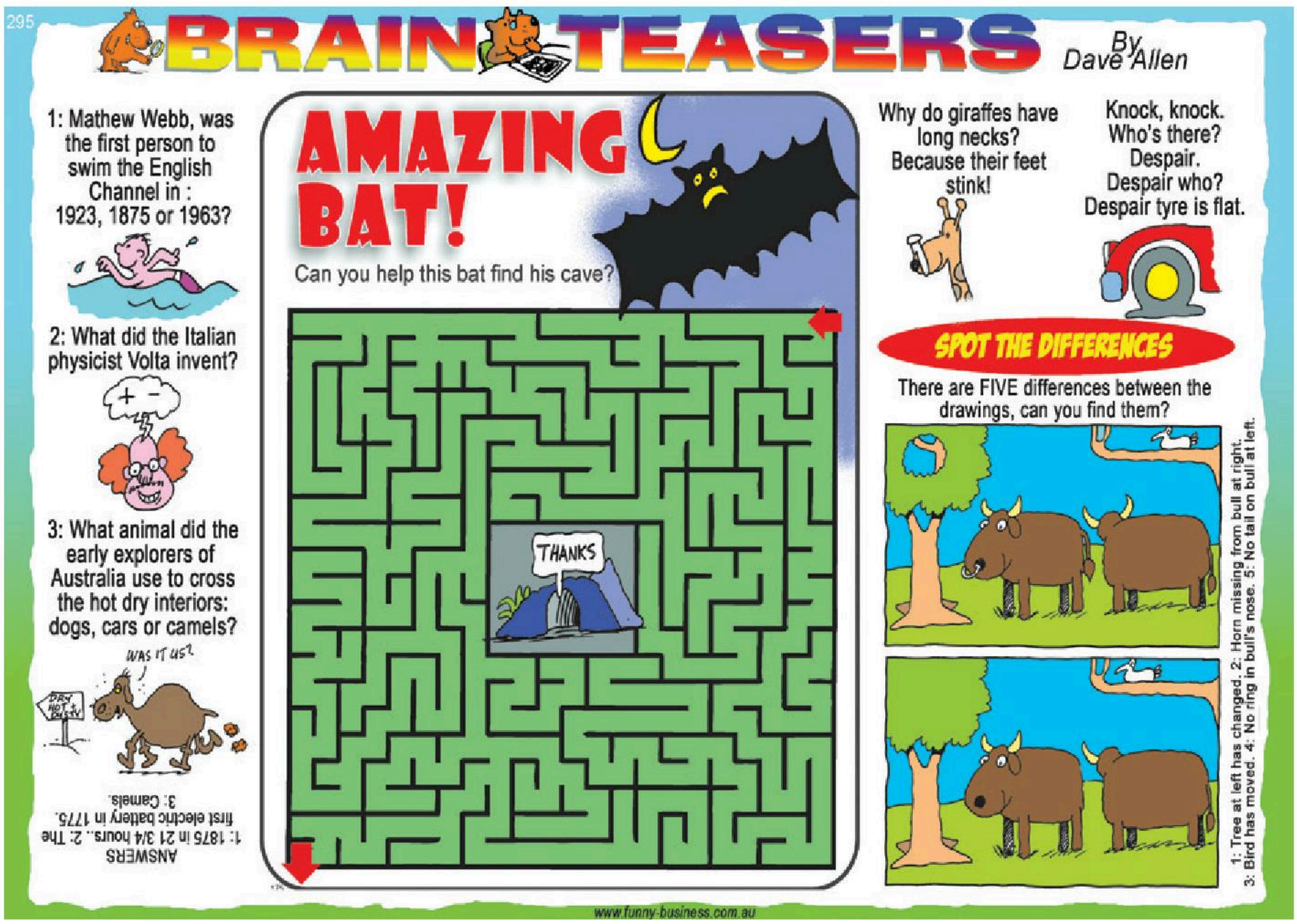
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Dynasty Dominance

Karnataka is similar to Mulayam's UP, Lalu's Bihar

Bengaluru, Apr. 9 (UNI)- With the entry of the third generation into electoral politics, 'dynasty' politics by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda in Karnataka has come a full circle. Deve Gowda has fielded his two grandsons, Nikhil Kumaraswamy from Mandya and Prajwal Revanna for Hassan Lok Sabha seats.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is making all efforts to ensure the victory of his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy from Mandya, says, "The existence of regional parties lies with the dynastic politics."

Deve Gowda, who has always remained in thick of things in Karnataka politics ever since he had successfully contested as an Independent candidate to the Assembly way back in 1960s and had associated with the Janata Parivar, however, ended up with floating his own family-centric party, the JD(S), in his over five-decade-long political career.

"I will remain in politics till my death," he had said early last week when asked about the tough fight he will face in the hands of BJP in Tumakuru. Deve Gowda, hailing from the powerful Vokkaliga community that is strong in Old Mysuru area, had consistently won seats in Assembly and Lok Sabha elections for long. But the JD(S) might face a challenge from the BJP despite pre-poll alliance with coalition partner Congress.

COALITION POLITICS

The JD(S) which had secured 38 seats in the 224-member Karnataka Assembly in 2018, managed to form the Government with major partner Congress which had secured 80 seats. The BJP had fallen short marginally, securing 104 seats.

JD(S) was dominant securing 24 seats in the Vokkaliga belt. Deve Gowda's two sons, one daughter-in-law (Anitha Kumaraswamy) besides close relatives, were among those who secured the seat. Under unprecedented churn of political confabulations, Deve Gowda's son H.D. Kumaraswamy emerged to become the Chief Minister while his elder brother H.D. Revanna the PWD Minister. Revanna's wife Bhavani is Hassan ZP member.

WILL IT BACKFIRE?

For the forthcoming 2019 elections, the JD(S) is contesting in seven LS seats, in alliance with the Congress and three of them are from his family. While Deve Gowda is contesting from Tumakuru Lok Sabha seat, his grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy is fielded from key Mandya segment. In Hassan, where Deve Gowda won five elections, the party's chief has fielded another grandson Prajwal Revanna, son of H.D. Revanna, and he (Deve Gowda) opted for Tumakuru.

Political analysts said that this move by the JD(S) chief may backfire as the young party candidates in Mandya and Hassan may face a tough task as well as Deve Gowda face a stiff challenge from BJP candidate G.S. Basavaraju in Tumakuru.

POPULAR DEMAND

Strongly defending his decision to allow his family members to contest the Lok Sabha elections, the former Prime Minister had said that "they are not entering the politics through back door but with strong backing of the party."

Stating that his grandsons are in the fray due to 'popular demand' of the party workers, the sitting members of the Lok Sabha Constituencies in Mandya and Hassan, Deve Gowda denied that he had favoured his kin over other party leaders. "These young leaders from the JD(S) family will emerge as strong leaders."

Deve Gowda, unperturbed for grooming his family members at the cost of others says, "During my political career spanning over five decades, I had introduced hundreds of leaders to politics, who were not related to me."

Strongly defending Deve Gowda's decision to introduce his kin into politics, Suresh, a young entrepreneur from Kanakapura, said, "After suffering betrayal from those leaders, who were mentored by him, Deve Gowda might have decided to look towards his family members to rely upon."

"There are several leaders, including C.M. Ibrahim, P.G.R. Sindhia, B.T. Lalitha Nayak, Siddharamaiah, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Bandeppa Kashampur, who have made their presence felt in the State politics, who were not relatives of Deve Gowda," Suresh added.

CONCURRENT DYNASTY

C.B. Patil, a political analyst, however, slammed Deve Gowda for fielding his two politically novice grandsons to contest the LS polls and said he started practicing another form of dynastic politics called 'Concurrent Dynasty' wherein several family members of his family are in politics at the same time. **"We are witnessing in Karnataka what Mulayam Singh Yadav did in Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Lalu Prasad had done in Bihar. But how far this will be a success, this Lok Sabha election results will reveal on May 23," he said.**

"The tendency to bring sons and daughters into politics, starts when one wants to retain the privilege and political power he enjoys and does not want it to slip out from one's clutches," Chandrashekar, a political observer in Kalaburagi, opined.

OTHER DYNASTIES IN PLAY

C.M. Udasi

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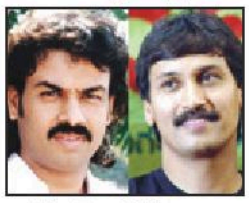

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The tendency of thrusting upon the State or the country their family members is not limited to any one individual political leader or to a political party. Recalling that former CM Veerendra Patil, after vacating his LS seat, fielded his son-in-law Jawali from Kalaburagi, Chandrashekar, a political observer said, "Veerendra Patil's son was also made the party candidate from Chincholi Assembly seat, once held by Patil."

Meanwhile, several candidates, who are the family members of the Karnataka Assembly members, are also in the fray to contest. While BJP leader C.M. Udasi had managed to get the BJP ticket to his son Shivakumar Udasi in Haveri Lok Sabha seat, another BJP MLA, Shashikala Jolle's husband is the saffron party's candidate for Chikkodi Lok Sabha seat.

State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa's son and sitting MP B.Y. Raghavendra is seeking re-election from Shivamogga. The Congress had fielded Madhu Bangarappa, son of former CM (late) S. Bangarappa from Shivamogga. Madhu Bangarappa's brother Kumar Bangarappa is BJP MLA from Soraba.

Congress strongman Mallikarjun Kharge, who is seeking re-election from Kalaburagi LS seat, is the father of Priyank Kharge, who is the Social Welfare Minister in the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government.

Congress candidate for Kolar Lok Sabha seat K.H. Muniyappa, who is seeking re-election to the Parliament for the successive eighth term, brought his daughter Roopa Shashidhar to State politics and made her an MLA in 2018 Assembly elections.

PM Modi's face blooms in pencil graphite

- Micro artist Nanjundaswamy displays his talent
- Seeks permission to present pencil to Modi today

Mysuru, Apr.9 (RKB&NNN)- A pencil graphite (lead) artist has carved the face of Prime Minister Narenda Modi very delicately on the tip of the pencil and hopes to present it to the PM when he visits the city this evening.

The Micro Artist is Nanjundaswamy who has carved the face of Modi very distinctly on the six inch pencil head. He has sought permission from MLA S.A. Ramdas to present it to Modi and has also approached the Police through the MLA for permission.

He has carved the figure in just two-and-a-half hours and has even carved Modi's name in Kannada just below the face. He had exhibited his talent by carving it in 2015 itself and was hoping to present it to Modi when he was in Mysuru. However, due to security reasons he was not successful. Nanjundaswamy's efforts to reach Modi through *Twitter* were also unsuccessful. He had preserved the pencil with him since then.

Now that PM Modi is visiting Mysuru again, Nanjundaswamy is making all efforts to see that he is successful this time at least and with this hope, he approached Ramdas. He hopes that in spite of strong security cover to the Prime Minister, he will get permission to present his pencil graphite art to Modi and fulfil his dreams.

Pencil graphite artist Nanjundaswamy has made preparations to present his art through MLA S.A. Ramdas to PM Narendra Modi who will be in city this evening.

No Trin Trin bicycle service on Apr.10, 11

Following the Mega Cylothon event being held to spread awareness on voting in city, the Public Bicycle Sharing System 'Trin Trin' will be stopped on Apr.10 and 11, according to Mahesh, Assistant Commissioner, MCC Zone 7.

Modi rally today

Mounted Police personnel tending to their horses with enough fodder and water to beat the heat. The Mounted Police are part of the two-tier security provided for PM Modi today.

(Continued from page 1)

State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa, Mysuru-Kodagu MP and candidate Pratap Simha, Chamarajanagar candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad and other top BJP leaders will be on the dais. The SPG has taken control of the security arrangements.

Police personnel have been deployed in large numbers all along the route of the PM's travel route and at the rally venue.

Metal detectors have been installed at all entry and exit points at the venue as a fool-proof security measure.

Even as Modi is scheduled to address the rally in the city, some local BJP leaders were heard saying that Modi has brought good fortune as heavy rains lashed the city late last night, which augurs well for the party.

With Modi addressing the rally this evening, scores of party leaders and workers have started arriving at the venue from morning itself.

A huge water-proof German Tent has been erected at the venue, with separate enclosures for VIPs, women and leaders, around the dais.

6,000 BJP activists to take part in Modi's rally from Ch'nagar

Chamarajanagar, Apr.9 (SS &SR)- District BJP President Prof. K.R. Mallikarjunappa informed that as many as 6,000 party activists from Ch'nagar will take part in PM Modi's rally scheduled this evening at Maharaja's College Grounds in Mysuru.

Addressing media here yesterday, he said that the Prime Minister will address a large gathering of party workers at Tuesday's meeting seeking votes in favour of party candidates contesting in LS polls scheduled on Apr.18 in the State including Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Hassan and Mandya.

BSY to visit Ch'nagar on Apr.11

Stating that no other star campaigner other than State Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY) would visit the district to seek votes for party candidate in LS polls, Prof. Mallikarjunappa said that BSY will conduct the meeting and campaign in Chamarajanagar on Apr.11. However, the venue of the meeting is not yet fixed.

Exuding confidence that BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad would win with a record margin of 1.5 lakh votes, he said that youths are attracted to party day by day due to its popularity and the party will win 22 seats in this Polls with 'Modi Wave' and youth support.

"The party candidate was defeated in the previous LS Polls from Ch'nagar due to infighting among BJP leaders. However, the party candidate contesting this year's Polls is a veteran, has represented the Parliament five times and is experienced. Hence, party will win for sure," he added.

District BJP Secretary Noorondu Shetty, Taluk Unit President Sundarappa, City Unit President Sundar Raj and Convener S. Balasubramanya were present.

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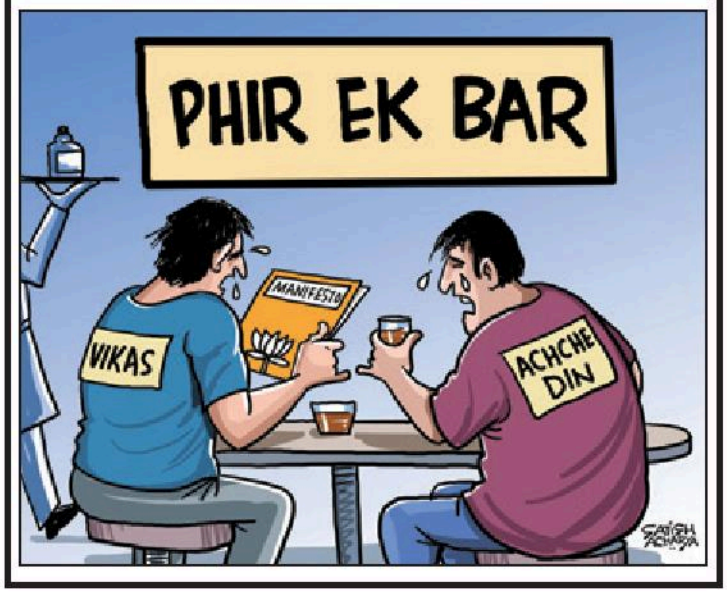

Soaring Temperature Torments Mysureans

Hits 37.9 Degree Celsius on Apr.7 and Apr.8

Mysuru, Apr.9 (RKB&SD)- Day-by-day, the city is reeling under intense heat due to soaring temperature and the residents have to brace the heat further if the pre-monsoon fails.

With the rising summer heat, the demand for air coolers and air conditioners (AC) has also increased with many shops having brisk sale of these electronic cooling equipment.

Though the heat during day is expected, the temperature during night is not giving any respite from heat.

According to statistics from India Meteorological Department in Bengaluru, the maximum temperature recorded in city on Apr. 1 and 2 was 36.5 Degree Celsius, Apr. 3- 36 Degree Celsius, Apr. 4 – 35.9 Degree Celsius and on Apr. 5 and 6 the temperature was 36 Degree Celsius.

On Apr.7 and 8, the maximum temperature touched 37.9 degree Celsius and people are seeking respite with cooling systems like ACs, air coolers, fans etc. India Meteorological Department has predicted the maximum temperature of 35 to 36 degree Celsius in the coming days and the temperature is expected to drop a little with possibility of rainfall this weekend.

Mysuru city had recorded the highest temperature of 39.9 degree Celsius on Apr. 22, 2016.

Meanwhile, Mysuru City witnessed the first spell of pre-monsoon rainfall yesterday.

Coolers, Air Conditioners in great demand

With soaring mercury level, people are preparing for hotter weather and are finding respite with cooling systems.

According to some shopkeepers selling electronics products such as coolers and air conditioners, people are visiting showrooms in large numbers and the sales has picked up recently.

When *Star of Mysore* reporter visited major electronic shops in city, it was found that many people were busy buying air conditioners and air coolers of various types.

Shubham Electronics, a major electronics store, which has around 14 branches in Mysuru city, is having a brisk sale of around 40 to 50 ACs and air coolers. At least 10 to 15 ACs and air coolers are being sold in each showroom says S. Suhas, Marketing Executive of Shubham Electronics. 'Not only air coolers and ACs, even fans and refrigerators are in high demand and we are providing summer offers to attract more customers,' he added.

Another major electronics shop Sri Srikanteshwara Electronics, which has 12 branches in city, also confirmed about the high demand for cooling systems. "All in all, we are selling 10 to 15 ACs and around 20 air coolers per day,' said S. Thakur, Senior Sales Manager.

The business has seen a growth of nearly 50%, compared to last year's summer. Despite the prices of cooling systems have gone up, this has not stopped people from buying them, said another shopkeeper.

Air conditioners of Godrej, LG, IFB and air coolers of Symphony, Voltas, Honeywell and other brands are being sold.

Adhere to rules to issue DL: Centre tells States

Mysuru, Apr.9- The Centre has directed the Regional Transport Authority to be strict while issuing Driving Licence (DL) by adhering to the rules regarding age and residence of the applicants.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has written to Secretaries and Commissioners in all States as there were reports of fake DL scams.

"It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that DLs are being issued by the Registering Authority to persons who have neither resided in the State nor attended the classes in a driving school within the aforesaid State," the letter stated.

However, RTO officials said that the possibility of fake DLs were less as applications were being processed through Sarathi portal. Sarathi, allows aspirants to apply for DL and attend the tests at the jurisdictional RTO. But it is said that the menace of the middlemen and agents is still rampant at several places.

An official pointed out that the State Transport Authority will have to tighten the rules further to check the menace of brokers who have been accused of facilitating DL to those applicants who do not attend the necessary tests.

Congress will form Government at Centre: Former Union Minister

K.H. Muniyappa

Mysuru, Apr.9 (RKB&DM)- Claiming that Congress led Government will come to power at the Centre after the LS Polls, Kolar MP and former Union Minister K.H. Muniyappa has said that the 'Mahagathabandhan' of the Opposition parties posed a formidable challenge to PM Modi.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near the city Railway Station here this morning, Muniyappa alleged that atrocities against women were on the rise and the farmers were a ignored lot under PM Modi.

Maintaining that the Congress would address agrarian distress, Muniyappa alleged that Modi was behaving like Hitler by sidelining senior BJP leaders like L.K. Advani and M.M. Joshi.

Accusing the Narendra Modi led NDA Government of failure on all fronts, the former Union Minister said that the JD(S)-Congress coalition would win maximum number of LS seats in the State.

He further said that Modi was on the way out as the 'Mahagathbandhan' was gaining popularity in the run up to the Polls.

MLC R. Dharmasena, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaya Kumar, Former Mayor Narayana, leader Shivanagappa and others were present at the press meet.

Vijayashankar campaigns in K.R. Assembly segment

Mysuru, Apr.9 (MTY&DM)- JD(S) Congress coalition candidate of Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency C.H. Vijayashankar campaigned in K.R. Assembly segment in city yesterday.

Vijayashankar campaigned at Togaribeedi, Dharam Singh Colony, Devaraja Urs Colony, Pourakarmika Colony and sought votes for the Congress.

Maintaining that the LS Polls was crucial for the Country, he highlighted Congress headed UPA Government's achievements in its 10 year rule at the Centre. Hitting out at PM Modi, Vijayashankar appealed the electorate to elect a Congress Government at the Centre.

Vijayashankar was accompanied by former KR MLA M.K. Somashekar and other Congress leaders.Several local leaders from the BJP including Jai Arjun, Pramod, Stephen Fernandes, Praveen, Mohammad Rais and others joined the Congress.

Sait campaigns for Congress: N.R. Congress MLA Tanveer Sait campaigned for Congress candidate Vijayashankar in several areas coming under N.R. Assembly segment yesterday. Sait, who began his campaign from MCC ward 37, conducted door-to-door campaign and appealed the electorate to cast their votes in favour of Congress candidate Vijayashankar.

Pointing out that the JD(S) and Congress have entered into a coalition in order to oust communal BJP Government at the Centre, he said that the Congress would be holding a huge rally in city on Apr. 12 in which former PM H.D. Deve Gowda, CM Kumaraswamy, CLP leader Siddharamaiah will take part.

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Convention on 'Food and Wellness' of CSIR Pensioners' Welfare Association held

MoU with private hospitals for credit facility to CFTRI employees and pensioners

CSIR - CFTRI Director Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghav Rao lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 27th AGM of CSIR-Pensioners' Welfare Association and convention on 'Food and Wellness,' in city recently as (from left) Mysuru Centre President Dr. N. Krishnamurthy, National Vice-President Dr. P.V. Sane, Chief Scientist CSIR- CFTRI Dr. R. Subramanium, Secretary Dr. Renu Agrawal, President Emeritus Dr. V.P. Kamboj, National President Dr. P.K. Seth and National General Secretary Dr. J.K. Johri look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 9 (KS)- The 27th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CSIR - Pensioners' Welfare Association (CPWA) and convention on 'Food and Wellness,' was held in city recently.

Speaking after inaugurating the convention, CFTRI Director Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghav Rao said that steps were being taken to provide benefits to pensioners and added that agreements have been done with private hospitals and health insurance is also being provided.

He further that CFTRI and three private hospitals in city have signed the agreement for credit facility besides stating that the process of MoU between another three hospitals is under process and it will be completed soon. In addition, another two hospitals are willing to join CFTRI, he said.

Treatment under credit facility will be provided in accordance with the entitlement, as per Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers tariff and other tariff, applicable by the Union government from time to time on Credit basis for outpatient, day care, inpatient, medical surgery and treatment, including diagnosis, tests, investigations, prescription among others.

Dr. Raghav Rao listed out various other projects awarded to the CFTRI by the Union as well as the State Governments.

Speaking on the occasion, former CFTRI Director Dr. V. Prakash called upon private and government food industries to use Information Technology and provide Food and Nutrition Technology and to the public besides suggesting government food industries to manufacture food products required to senior citizens.

CPWA Mysuru President Dr. N. Krishnamurthy, National Vice-President Dr. P.V. Sane, Chief Scientist CSIR- CFTRI Dr. R. Subramanium, Secretary Dr. Renu Agrawal, President Emeritus Dr. V.P. Kamboj, National President Dr. P.K. Seth, National General Secretary Dr. J.K. Johri and others were present.

International Conference on "Advances in Mechanical Engineering & Management"

Mysuru, Apr.9 - The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), has organised an International Conference on Advances on Mechanical Engineering & Management (ICAMEM – 2019) at its premises here recently.

This conference imparted knowledge on recent advancements and applications in mechanical engineering and management. The conference benefited the faculty members to comprehend the importance of mechanical engineering effectively. Also, it had plenary lectures followed by parallel sessions and provided an opportunity to participants to present research findings of the prospective domains of knowledge.

Students, academicians, researchers and engineers in the field of Mechanical Engineering belonging to various premier institutions and organisations presented their research papers.

Dr. Sarit Kumar Das, Director, IIT Ropar, Punjab, who was the chief guest for the inaugural, spoke about the recent advances in mechanical engineering.

Gundappa Gowda, President, VV Sangha, P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Srishaila Rammannavar, Treasurer, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. G. V. Naveen Prakash, Professor and HoD, Dr. K.B. Vinay, Organising Secretary, Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna and Prof. C.S. Thamme Gowda, Joint Organising Secretaries, Executive Committee coordinators, faculty, students and special invitees were present.

At the valedictory, Dr. T. Sundararajan, Professor, IIT Madras, was the chief guest. In the conference, nearly 50 papers were presented.

University of Mysore bags 54th spot in overall rankings in country

JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research jumps to 34th rank

Prof. Hemantha Kumar

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi

Mysuru, Apr.9 (NNN)-The University of Mysore (UoM) has been ranked 54th in the overall rankings at the fourth edition of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019, while JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) was ranked 34th. The list was released by the President of India yesterday.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi attended the release and award ceremony and received the NIRF Ranking Certificate at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, yesterday.

The University of Mysore however, stands first in the State Universities in Karnataka with an overall 44.06 points.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning, Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi said, "The University of Mysore stood 54th among the 908 Universities in the country and when it comes to Public Universities in Karnataka, we rank first among 27 Universities."

University of Mysore first participated in 2017 wherein it had secured 36th rank in University category and 57th in overall category. However, it lost out on the ranking a year later, but due to the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Hemantha Kumar, we managed to be back in the rankings this year, he said.

The University won the only State Public University of Karnataka State to secure such a position. This year other two Public Universities of the State to participate from Karnataka were Kuvempu University and Mangalore University which have secured 73rd and 87th rankings in University category but not found within 100 among overall category. Mysore Varsity figures in 80th position among overall category, he said. The first rankings were announced in 2016, and this is the fourth year of NIRF Indian Ranking. Altogether 4,867 institutions participated in nine categories for the year 2019, he said.

The five major frameworks and parameters for NIRF Ranking, apart from twenty-one sub-parameters and the points awarded out of 100 are: ***a.*** Teaching, Learning and Resources - 57.30 points, ***b.*** Research and Professional Practices - 18.15, ***c.*** Graduation Outcomes - 78.43, ***d.*** Outreach and Inclusivity - 52.67 and ***e.*** Perception - 4.70.

The two places where we failed are in Research and Professional Practices with just 18.15 points and Perception with a score of just 4.70. In the other parameters we have done fairly well, said Prof. Gandhi.

The analysis of each of the parameters and sub-parameters will be made, and serious efforts will be made to fill the gaps. A special team will be formed to strengthen NIRF Ranking and NAAC accreditation scores of the University in coming years. Due emphasis will be given to improve in the domains of "Perception" and "Professional Practices." The University will soon take steps to fill up vacant teaching positions which helps in maintaining good average PTR (Pupil to Teacher Ratio), he said.

The present ranking status calls for cheer as we have not lost the race, it serves us as a wakeup call, and we rise up to big celebration in 2020 where the fourth cycle of re-accreditation of the University by NAAC and fifth year of India Rankings 2020 are due, next year, said Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi.

Meanwhile, JSS AHER which stood 37th last year, improved its ranking by jumping to 34th this year.

Rahul, Mayank slam fifties as KXIP beat SRH

Mohali, Apr.9- Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) beat Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by six wickets at the Punjab Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali yesterday.

Chasing 151 runs, Chris Gayle and K.L. Rahul added 18 runs for the first wicket. Gayle was dismissed by Rashid Khan when he was batting on 16. Mayank Agarwal then joined Rahul out in the middle and the duo recovered KXIP's innings.

The pair of Karnataka batsmen put on 114 runs for the second wicket in the home-side's run chase. Mayank departed for 55 (3 fours, 3 sixes). Following his dismissal, David Miller (1) and Mandeep Singh (2) lost their wickets in quick succession.

However, Rahul held the fort from the other end and hit the winning runs for KXIP. He remained unbeaten on 71 from 53 balls. Sam Curran partnered him with an unbeaten five off three balls.

With this win, KXIP move to the third position in the points table.

Earlier, SRH scored 150/4 in 20 overs. David Warner brought up his 39th IPL fifty and remained unbeaten on 70 off 62.

K.L. Rahul was chosen as the Man of the Match.

K.L. Rahul raises his bat after bringing up his third half-century of IPL 2019. Rahul (71 not out) and Mayank Agarwal (55) stitched 114 runs off 84 balls for the second wicket to take Kings XI Punjab close to the target.

IPL Season-12

Today's Match

CSK Vs **KKR**
M.A.Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Match

MI Vs **KXIP**
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Result

KXIP 151/4 (19.5)
beat
SRH 150/4 (20)

Live Telecast on
STAR SPORTS

Cyclists Selection tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.9- Cycling My Sooru Training Academy is conducting a selection process for young cyclists from in and around Mysuru district for the year 2019-20 at #244, 1st Stage, near Petrol Bunk, Nivedithanagar, Mysuru, on Apr.10 from 9 am onwards.

Interested candidates (both male and female) in U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18 and Above 18 years may register their name by calling Mob: 98860-02318.

The selected candidates will be given seven-day free training and encouraged to participate in district, State and National level Cycling events. Nagaraj will be the Mentor and Trainer.

Participants should take their own bicycles and carry School/ DOB/ Aadhaar Card details, according to a press release.

Open Chess Tourney in city on Apr.14

Mysuru, Apr.9- The Chamarajanagar Chess Club will be conducting a Open Chess Tourney at Rotary Club, Chamarajanagar, on Apr.14.

The Tournament will be conducted for U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-15 (both Boys & Girls).

Cash prizes will be given for Open Category. Entry fee Rs.300 for Open and Rs.250 for category events.

For details, contact Kishore Kumar on Mob: 97396-75477.

India 2019 World Cup Squad to be picked on Apr.15

New Delhi, Apr.9- The India 2019 World Cup squad will be picked on Apr.15 with Indian media reports claiming that the national selectors, led by MSK Prasad, will gather in Mumbai to make a final call.

The World Cup 2019 will be held in England and Wales, starting May 30. The International Cricket Council (ICC) requires all 10 squads to be submitted by April 23. India are one of the favourites along with England to lift the trophy but a couple of spots are still up for grabs in the Indian team. Who will bat at No.4, has been a matter of debate between pundits and former cricketers.

According to sources, the Committee of Administrators (CoA), along with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) office-bearers, decided on the date during a meeting on Monday.

Captain Virat Kohli had said that performance in IPL 2019 would not be a factor in choosing the squad. Rohit Sharma echoed Virat Kohli's sentiments when he said that conditions in England along with the opinion of the skipper and coach will determine the team composition.

The No.4 spot in the Indian batting order has been a much talked-about issue. A number of players have emerged as contenders for the No.4 slot.

Ambati Rayudu was expected to India's No.4 but some poor performances in the ODI series against New Zealand and Australia at home seem to have scuppered his chances. K.L. Rahul and Rishabh Pant also are in the running. Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting believes that the young wicket-keeper is best suitable for number four position.

Captain Virat Kohli batted at number four in the fourth ODI of the five-match ODI series, which India lost 2-3 to Australia at home. But there don't seem to be very many takers for that with the likes of Sourav Ganguly saying he prefers Kohli to bat at his usual No.3 spot.

Meanwhile, BCCI will be getting Rs.2.09 crore from Cricket Australia after reconciliation of accounts for the past 10 years.

"There have been discussions on accounts settlements over all the past bilateral series between India and Australia. We are supposed to get Rs.2.09 crore. The discussions are still on. The office bearers will again meet the CoA on Apr.20," a BCCI official said.

Chamundi Epic Cycle Race: Entries invited

Mysuru, Apr.9- The Mysuru Cycling Club will be conducting the Chamundi Epic Cycle Race 2019 on Apr.14.

The Race will be flagged off at 6 am at the Chamundi Hill entrance arch and end at Devikere near Chamundi Hill.

Events will be held for children (boys & girls) - half distance and full distance; Men, Women, Under-18, Masters and for State and National-level Riders.

For registration, contact Fariyal on Mob: 88848-51538.

MDFA 'A' Division Football League

Narrow 2-1 win for Gandhinagar FC

Mysuru, Apr.9- Gandhinagar Football Club (FC) scored a narrow 2-1 win over Town FC in the MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2018-19 for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Monday.

RESULTS

Monday's Match — Gandhinagar FC: 2 (Vishal 47, Kumar 69) bt Town SC FC 1 (Rohith 32).

Sunday's Match — Chanakya Koota FC: 2 (Rameez 40, 45) drew with **Cosmos FC:** 2 (Zafar 53, 57).

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Sandalwood's longstanding bond with Sugar Town Mandya

HDK Nikhil Ambarish Sumalatha Abhishek Ramya Rakshitha Cheluvarayaswamy Shankaregowda Sachidananda Shivaramegowda Bhavya Darshan Yash

Mandya, Apr.9 (UNI)- Film stars contesting elections are quite common in the neighbouring States like Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. But there is a close connection between Kannada film industry and Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency that has witnessed colourful personalities — either film actors themselves contesting elections or a large number of film personalities campaigning for the candidates in this sugar belt Constituency.

This 2019 Lok Sabha election too is no different from earlier with top two candidates coming from Kannada film industry aka Sandalwood — Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, from the JD(S)-Congress coalition and multi-lingual actress Sumalatha Ambarish, an independent candidate backed by BJP and others.

It is a well-known fact that Kumaraswamy was also a film distributor and producer before entering politics and becoming two-time CM. Besides, Sumalatha's late husband Ambarish was the 'Rebel Star' of the Kannada cinema.

In fact, Ambarish was the most popular face from cinema world to represent the people of Mandya in the State Assembly as well as in the Parliament. He served as the Minister in both State and Centre. He was also well-known for mediation efforts and has resolved various film industry issues.

Earlier, Ramya, a popular actor, won the Mandya by-election in 2013 but lost in the 2014 General Elections. The by-poll was necessitated following the resignation of the then MP N. Cheluvarayaswamy, who returned to State politics. Even Cheluvarayaswamy of the JD(S), now a Congress leader, has produced the film *'Happy Birthday'* with his son Sachin in the lead role.

Among the MPs so far, since 1951, it may be mentioned here that from 1984 - 1989, 1998 - 1999, 1999 - 2004, 2004 - 2008, 2013 - 2014 and 2018 - 2019, MPs from Mandya have a connection to Sandalwood in one way or the other.

The term 1984 - 1989 was held by K.V. Shankaregowda. Entering politics from freedom struggle, he strived for the development of Co-operatives and Educational institutions. However, his love for literature and his creativity brought him closer to theatre and film personalities.

He was the writer, director and producer of *'Koodi Balona.'* His son K.S. Sachidananda, who was also an MLC, later produced two films *'Hosaneeru'* and *'Sankranthi.'* In fact, Ambarish, who was born and brought-up in Mysuru, came in contact with Mandya through Shankaregowda.

Ambarish was the longest serving among the MPs related to films. He was a Janata Dal MP from 1998 - 1999, and was Congress MP for two terms from 1999 - 2008.

One time queen of Sandalwood Ramya served for a short-term in Lok Sabha representing Mandya from 2013 - 2014. Another multilingual actor Rakshitha, a contemporary of Ramya in the film industry, was in circulation during the 2013 by-poll and also during the 2014 General Election to be pitted against Ramya. Rakshitha is married to film director Prem from Nagamangala taluk, under Mandya LS Constituency.

Interestingly, even the present MP L.R. Shivaramegowda is related to the glamour world. His daughter Bhavya Gowda was *Miss Earth* (Midlands UK) in 2010. She won the title *Miss Colombo Queen* in 2013. Bhavya also pocketed the *'Living Doll of the World'* title given by the World Bridal Association. She has acted in a few documentaries in the UK and also in a few music albums.

This election, campaigning has been on the high voltage in Mandya Constituency with Kannada film industry's leading actors like Darshan, Yash and others vouching support to Sumalatha Ambarish and are moving around the Constituency drawing large crowds. Last but not the least, Sumalatha-Ambarish's son Abhishek Gowda, who has just forayed into Kannada film industry, too has joined the bandwagon in garnering support for his mother as it is a do-or-die situation and also a prestige issue to win Mandya LS seat.

Hanagallu Shetalli residents decide to boycott LS Polls

Blame deplorable road conditions to reach booth

Somwarpet (Kodagu), Apr.9 (US)- Residents of Hanagallu Shetalli, coming under Hanagallu Gram Panchayat, have decided to boycott the Lok Sabha (LS) election with the main road to access the village in a deplorable condition for several decades indicating gross negligence of officials concerned.

The villagers at a meeting held on Sunday collectively took a decision to boycott the LS election.

The villagers observed that the road was riddled with potholes and craters for years causing inconvenience for moving vehicles.

They contended that appeals have been made in this regard with the elected representatives and officials concerned but to no avail, which has necessitated to boycott the poll as a protest.

Village Development Committee Chairman A.J. Suresh, Vice-Chairman L.J. Doddaiah, Secretary Lakshman and others were present during the meeting.

Appointed Election Observer

Mandya, Apr.9 (Nagaiah&DM)- The Election Commission of India (ECI), which shunted out Ranjit Kumar as General Observer for Melukote, K.R. Nagar, K.R. Pet and Nagamangala Assembly Segments of Mandya Lok Sabha constituency, has appointed Tamil Nadu Cadre IAS Officer P. Annamalai as the New Election Observer.

Annamalai will be available for members of the public at Srirangapatna TB (Krishnamurthy Bungalow) between 6 pm and 7 pm on all days.

He can be contacted over mobile number: 90081-36513.

Officials persuade Guddemadu tribals in Virajpet to vote

Siddapura (Kodagu), Apr.9 (US)- District officials visited the tribal settlement at Guddemadu coming under B. Shettigeri Gram Panchayat in Virajpet taluk for the second time on Sunday and persuaded them to vote in the coming LS election.

The tribals, said to be deprived of drinking water, are depending on water bodies in the forest for the last two decades.

The officials said that a borewell has been sunk at the place and assured that water problem would be resolved in two days.

They reassured that Title Deeds of houses would be issued to eligible tribals and assured to provide good road and power supply to the region.

The tribals lamented that they were languishing for the last 20 years without basic amenities.

They warned that they would boycott the poll if the assurances of the officials did not materialise.

Sector Officer Suresh said that he has collected the details of grievances of the tribals. He observed that some of the tribals have no documents of habitation which should be regularised at the Gram Panchayat. He added that only seven families have Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC).

Gram Panchayat Development Officer Ravi Thammaiah and others were present.

Rowdy-sheeter Nandan murder case

Mandya Police arrest five accused

Mandya, Apr.9 (Nagaiah& KS)- Mandya Police have succeeded in nabbing five persons accused in the murder of rowdy-sheeter Nandan S. Raj alias Nandan at Guthalu Colony Kalamma Temple premises here recently. The arrested are Chandan alias Chandan Kumar, Harshith Gowda alias Jonty, Kiran and Manoj alias Junglee, all residents of Basavanagudi in the town and Ajay Kumar alias Ajay of Maruthinagar.

Addressing a press conference at his office yesterday, Superintendent of Police (SP) Shivaprakash Devaraj said that the accused during interrogation had confessed of murdering Nandan who had a fight with the accused over tying of birthday flexes and had also issued life threats to them.

One of the accused Ajay, who had sustained injuries while assaulting Nandan, had got himself admitted at a hospital in K.M. Doddi and later took a room on rent at Shivapura in Maddur, where the accused were taking shelter, the SP said and added that the team of Police, traced them and arrested them.

The SP also said that deceased Nandan was a rowdy-sheeter and was involved in murder cases at Chikamagalur and Mysuru districts. All the accused were the friends of Nandan. Chandan and Ajay too were rowdy-sheeters, the SP added.

Dy.SP Gangadharaswamy, Probationary Dy.SP Narasimha V. Tamradhwaj, Circle Inspector Manoj Kumar and SI Chandrashekar were present during the press meet.

Entry of tourists to Dubare Elephant Camp restricted

Kushalnagar, Apr.9 (KS)- As an elephant housed at Dubare Elephant Camp near Nanjarayapatna is in musth resulting in tension in the camp, the entry of tourists into the camp has been restricted.

Dubare Camp Forest Officer Ranjan said that apart from the elephant in the camp, most elephants at Dubare Forest are also in musth resulting in them entering the camp and causing problems. Also, the elephants in the camp are tied and are not being allowed to venture into the forest. They are being provided regular food but the Mahouts and Kavadis are unable to go near them as before and the elephants are very dangerous during musth, the Forest Officer said.

As a precautionary measure, the entry of tourists into the camp is restricted for now, Forest Officials said and added that tourists will be allowed into the camp after the elephants come to normal stage.

Six injured in political clash at Mandya

Mandya JD(S)-Congress Coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy enquiring about the health of one of the JD(S) workers who was injured in the clash.

Bharathinagar, Apr.9 (Anur Satish& SR)- With election campaign reaching a boiling point ahead of Lok Sabha polls scheduled on Apr.18 for Mandya Lok Sabha constituency, as many as six persons were injured when the clash occurred between Janata Dal (Secular) workers and supporters of Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish over trivial issue of conducting campaign for their party candidates at Gurudevarahalli village near Bharathinagar in Maddur taluk of Mandya district on Sunday.

The injured have been identified as JD(S) workers Karthik, Papanna and Anilkumar and other three injured are supporters of Sumalatha — Shivanna, Ravi and Basavaraju. The injured were rushed to K.M. Doddi Government Hospital.

The clash took place when the supporters of Sumalatha Ambarish were waiting to receive their candidate near Kodi Circle to conduct the campaign in their village.

It is alleged that JD(S) supporters, who arrived on a speeding bike with horn sound, picked up a fight with Sumalatha's supporters resulting in verbal duel and clash. On receipt of information, Sub-Inspecor Ayyanagowda visited the spot, dispersed the mob and brought the situation under control. Complaint and counter complaint have been lodged by both parties at K.M. Doddi Police Station.

Woman succumbs to injuries at hospital

Mysuru, Apr.9 (SPN&KS)- A 55-year-old woman, who had sustained serious head injuries after falling from the bike on which she was riding pillion on Rajkumar Road at Kalyangiri and was admitted to a hospital, breathed her last on Apr.7 at the hospital. The deceased is Susheela Bai, a resident of Raghavendranagar in city.

On Apr.6, Susheela, along with her son M.S. Ashok, was proceeding towards Nehru Nagar to visit the house of a relative. When they neared the Indira Canteen on Dr. Rajkumar Road near Triveni Circle at Kalyangiri, the bike fell down and Susheela too fell from the bike resulting in her sustaining serious head injuries.

Though she was immediately admitted to a private hospital, she succumbed to injuries at the hospital the next day, according to Police.

Siddarthanagar Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

Obituary

T. Rajendra Bhagavat

Mysuru, Apr.9- T. Rajendra Bhagavat (86), Pioneer of the poultry Industry of Mysuru and a resident of Bogadi, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Vijayalakshmi, son Sridhar Kumar Bhagavat, daughters Varalakshmi and Girija, daughter-in-law Sheshu, sons-in-law Ananthram and Kashinath, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage here this afternoon.

A philanthropist par excellence, he was the President of Vasavi Shantidhama Old Age Home. He was also a Past Member of Rotary Mysore for several decades.

Nanjamma

Nanjamma (86), wife of late L.K. Kempaiah and a resident of Brindavan Layout, passed away at a private hospital here this morning.

She leaves behind three sons including K. Purushotham, Chief Accounts Officer at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this evening.

Youth drowned in KRS backwaters

Mysuru, Apr.9 (YDS&KS)- A 21-year-old youth has been drowned at KRS backwaters on Sunday. The deceased is Darshan, a resident of Sharadadevinagar in city.

Darshan, along with his brother, had gone to KRS backwaters at Meenakshipura, to take a swim. Yelwal Police, have registered a case in this regard.

Two killed as bus rams into bike

Mysuru, Apr.9 (YDS&KS)- Two youths were killed when a KSRTC bus rammed into the bike on which they were riding near Mellahalli on Sunday.

The deceased are Nagendra (23) and Shivu (21), both residents of Mellahalli.

The two were proceeding to Rangasamudra on their bike to attend the marriage ceremony of their friend when a KSRTC bus coming from Mysuru side, rammed into the bike resulting in both being killed on-the-spot, according to the Police.

Varuna Police have registered a case in this regard.

WORD OF THE DAY

Moiety

Pronunciation: MOY-uh-tee
Meaning: A part or share of something, especially when it is divided into two parts.

Origin: Moiety is one of thousands of words that English speakers borrowed from French. The Anglo-French moité (meaning "a half" or "part of something") comes from Late Latin medietat-, meaning "a half." Around the same time that moiety was borrowed from Anglo-French, medietat- was also borrowed directly from Latin as mediety, a word which can also mean "a half." Medietat- comes from Latin medius (meaning "middle"), which has contributed to such English words as medium, meridian, and milieu.
Examples: "Most of the glucose in the body goes directly into cells where it's modified to produce the energy source ATP. However about 5 percent of all glucose is converted to another sugar moiety, O-GlcNAc, one of the sugar types that can modify proteins." — ScienceDaily.com, 12 May 2009.

THE ODD WORD

Recondite
Little known

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Read between the lines

Meaning: To find meanings that are intended but that are not directly expressed in something said or written.

A S D D F F E H T G K L M S D R E A D S Q N N
S D K H F U N E R G N S D G S J T U M U T J
L K B E T W E E N U K U S M O T H E D A J D
W J W F A S K S D J S Q S A K J D D H B D
L K S Q S A K J D D H B D R O P Q W E O P Z D
W G D G L I N E S D V B J O S W E R B R T E

Origin: This expression derives from a simple form of cryptography, in which a hidden meaning was conveyed by secreting it between lines of text. It originated in the mid 19th century and soon became used to refer to the deciphering of any coded or unclear form of communication, whether written or not. One might say "She said she was happy to go to the party but didn't seem concerned when it was cancelled. Reading between the lines, I don't think she wanted to go in the first place". The first example that I can find of the phrase in print is from The New York Times, August 1862: Earl Russell's dispatch does not recite the terms of the note to which it is a reply, the letter assumes a somewhat enigmatical character, and the only resource we have is, as best we may, to "read between the lines" of this puzzling, but important, communication of the British Foreign Secretary.

QUOTE BOX

It's okay to make mistakes. Mistakes are our teachers — they help us to learn. **— John Bradshaw**

RIDDLE THIS

I have eight to spare and am covered with hair. What am I?

Answer: A cat.

SUDOKU

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	7	6	4				9	
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		8	7	1				
1	9						7	2
				3	4	9		
		7						
	3				1	5	4	
			3	8				

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	5	8	9	7	1	3	6
8	3	7	5	6	1	2	4	9
1	9	6	2	4	3	7	8	5
7	1	3	4	5	9	6	2	8
4	5	2	3	8	6	9	7	1
9	6	8	7	1	2	3	5	4
5	2	9	6	3	8	4	1	7
3	8	1	9	7	4	5	6	2
6	7	4	1	2	5	8	9	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Father or daddy
5 ___ off : get a car race or rally going?
9 The path of virtuous conduct according to the Chinese?
12 Hit the ___ : be very angry?
13 A well-known river of Yorkshire
14 What Wednesday's child is reputedly full of
15 A final alcoholic drink taken just before departing from a party, etc.? (3,3,3,4)
18 Get a discharge from the army?
19 A state of freedom from work
20 In short he's an official during a football or a hockey match
22 Avoid
26 Falls asleep or doze, esp. in a sitting position? (4,3)
30 Belgian river
31 Egg of an insect
32 British noblemen
34 Not yet decided on a sched.
35 Saga or great story
37 Sees or observers (5,2)
39 Understood
41 Cooking vessel
42 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
45 ___ Lama is spiritual leader of Tibet?
49 Protesting or objecting
53 Also, in addition
54 ___ out : makes last longer?
55 Horror movie involving "666"?
56 Plus, in addition to
57 On the briny
58 Bollywood's ___ Agnihotri

DOWN
1 Poke or thrust; stimulus to action
2 Top-notch (1,3)
3 Song, sonnet or verse
4 Be able to pay for
5 In favour of
6 Musical instrument
7 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
8 Silly birds?
9 Couple
10 Angle-of-attack
11 Ref. book
16 Excessively fat
17 Depend on
21 Young of horse or related animal
23 Flushing Meadows initials
24 Money owed
25 A period of time
26 Palm - "pain" anagram?
27 Pertaining to the ear
28 To and ___ : here and there, in a way?
29 Crash, fail or funk
31 It divides the playing area in badminton or tennis
33 They manufacture the Fabia and the Laura
36 An express of farewell or goodbye
38 Fixed part of the turbine
40 Ringworm - "ate in" anagram?
43 Inquires of
44 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
46 Peruvian capital
47 Cast _ __ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
48 Fire: comb. form or prefix?
49 Reqd Time of Arr.
50 An epoch or an era
51 Chic or fashionable
52 Rep. of S Africa?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

O	D	D	S	■	L	A	M	B	■	H	E	R
A	M	A	H	■	A	L	A	R	■	E	S	E
S	K	Y	E	■	O	P	P	O	N	E	N	T
■	■	D	E	N	S	■	■	O	I	L	E	D
H	A	R	P	O	■	R	C	M	P	■	■	■
O	P	E	■	T	R	O	Y	■	S	K	I	T
O	S	A	■	■	U	M	A	■	■	A	L	E
P	O	M	P	■	H	E	N	S	■	L	I	E
■	■	■	E	B	R	O	■	P	R	I	A	M
E	M	E	R	Y	■	■	D	Y	E	D	■	■
M	A	N	I	T	O	B	A	■	F	A	R	O
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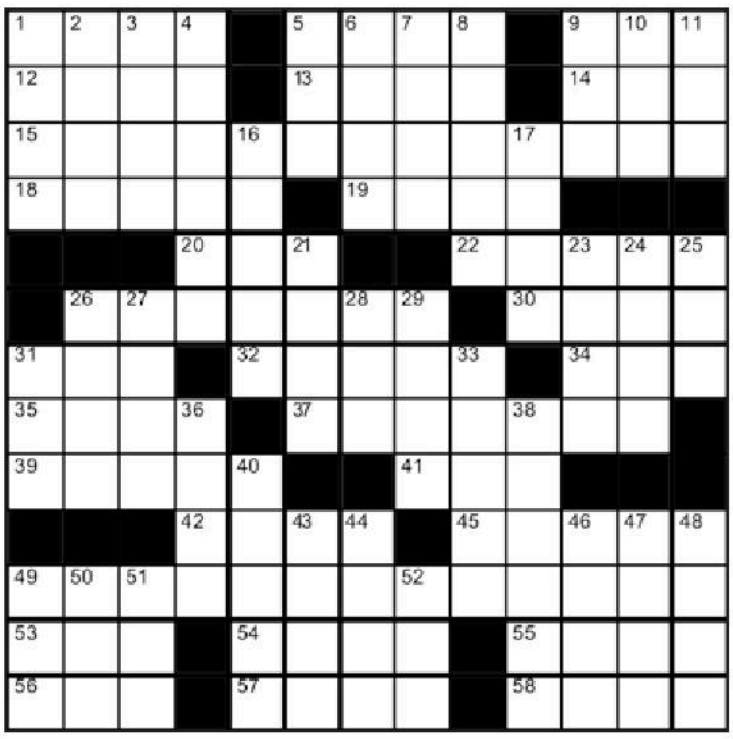

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KL VBB VTTVKDZ KU'Z V SAVBUSQ USKLY LFX VLM USAL UF SVLY V

CWAZUKFL NVDJ FL USA USKLYZ QFW SVGA BFLY UVJAL TFD YDVLUAM

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We can't take any credit for our talents. It's how we use them that counts.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kavacha	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Gowdru Cycle	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Panchatantra	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Rugged	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Yajamana	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
HINDI			
Romeo Akbar Walter	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
31st Night	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Shazam !	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Vinaya Vidheya Rama	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Majili	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Prema Katha Chitram-2	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Natpe Tunai	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Dumbo (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.00 am
Romeo Akbar Walter (H)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
Majili (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Shazam (E)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Natpe Tunai (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
The Sound Story (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kesari (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Argentina Fans Kaattoorkadavu (Ma)		
	(S-3)	1.30 pm
The Least of These (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Mere Naam Shaji (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm

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Majili (Te)	(S-4)	12.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Shazam (E)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Mera Naam Shaji (Ma)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am; (S-3) 3.35 pm
	(S-4)	6.15 pm
Gowdru Cycle (K)	(S-4)	3.20 pm
Romeo Akbar Walter (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
The Sound Story (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 am
Prema Katha Chitram-2 (Te)	(S-2)	1.25 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Kavacha (K)	9.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Romeo Akbar Walter (H)	9.25 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Mera Naam Shaji (Ma)	9.40 am
Shazam ! (E)	9.55 am, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Gowdru Cycle (K)	12.35 pm
Majili (Te)	12.45 pm, 6.40 pm
The Sound Story (Ma)	4.00 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	9.50 pm
Prema Katha Chitram 2 (Te)	9.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

'Mahalakshmi Sweets' opens new shop at Sharadadevinagar in city

City's well-known 'Mahalakshmi Sweets' has opened its new shop at Sharadadevinagar. 'Mahalakshmi Sweets' Owner Shivakumar, his son Nithin Shivakumar, Nagesh of Bhima Properties, former Corporator Shankar, Jagadish, building owner L. Rajeev, MCC Dy. Commissioner (in-Charge) Shivananda Swamy were present during the inauguration.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.9)

Artz Gallery: March Group Show (an art expo), Gallery premises, Gokulam, **up to 7 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padmapurana' by Vid. Aniruddachar Pandurangi, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Vishnu Sahasranama by Vishnu Parayana Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Music Feature by Vidu. Vani Vadiraj, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

Trayinyas Srividya Foundation: 10th Sri Vasantha Navaratri, Sri Vividha Ganapathi and Sri Vanchakalpalatha Srividya Ganesha Paryaya Homa, Homa, Foundation premises, No.8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Basava Kendra, Mysuru: 210th Sharana Sangama, talk on 'Sharanara Pari Bere?' by writer Dr. C. Naganna, Sri Basavayogiprabhu Swamiji leads, Vachana Music by Manthra Maharshi music troupe from Gowrishankar Nagar, Basava Kendra, Basaveshwara Road, Agrahara, **5.30 pm.**

Parampare: 2nd Annual Ramotsava, Purandaradasa's Keerthane, **6 pm;** 'Purandara Darshana,' Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysuru North: 25th Ramanavami Music Festival, Musical Ballet by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and troupe of Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra: Pt. Narasimhacharya Gore from Coimbatore delivers discourse on 'Srimad Ramayana Lokopayogi Sandeshagalu,' Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Vishwa Madhwa Mahaparishat, Uttaradi Mutt, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.10)

Trayinyas Srividya Foundation: 10th Sri Vasantha Navaratri, Mahabhisheka, Sapthashathi Parayana, Lalithopakhyana Parayana, Sri Chakrarchane, Sri Dashamahavidya Avarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Sri Dashamahavidya Homa and Sri Lalitha Mahayaga, Foundation premises, No.8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Mathrushri Bhajana Mandali, **10 am;** Feature 'Valmiki Kanda Ramayana' by Manaswini Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal recital by Vid. Nagachethan and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital (GGSMH): Inauguration of Neuro Zone (Brain-Spine Institute and Research Centre) of the hospital by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna guest of honour, GGSM Group of Hospitals Managing Director Dr. H.V. Santhrupth and American Board Certified Neurologist, Stroke Specialist and MD of Neuro Zone Dr. H.V. Shusrutha will be present, Hospital premises, Nazarbad, **11 am.**

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Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padmapurana' by Vid. Aniruddachar Pandurangi, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru: Monthly meeting, Association President Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao presides, Sadvidya Educational Institution, Narayan Shastry Road, **5.30 pm.**

Parampare: 2nd Annual Ramotsava, Bhajans by Swaranjali Sangeetha Kendra, **6 pm;** Saxophone Concert by Vid. Mysore Harish Pandava, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysuru North: 25th Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal recital by Vid. Prince Rama Varma, accompanied by Avaneeswaram S.R. Vinu on violin and B. Harikumar on mridanga, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

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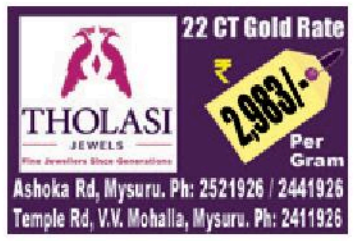
Special Lenten Retreat

Mysuru, Apr.9- Lenten Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church in Srirampura, Mysuru, in the Holy season of Lent, which calls for true repentance and penance, prayer, fasting, alms giving and renewal of our lives in Christ. As part of this, a three-day special retreat will be held from Friday (Apr.12) to Sunday (Apr.14) between 9 am and 5 pm.

The Preachers are Fr. Franklin D'Souza, Br. T.K. George, Prolife Manjula Joy and Br. William D'Souza.

For details, contact Rev. Fr. Raymond, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, on Mob: 97397-85892.



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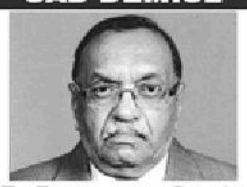

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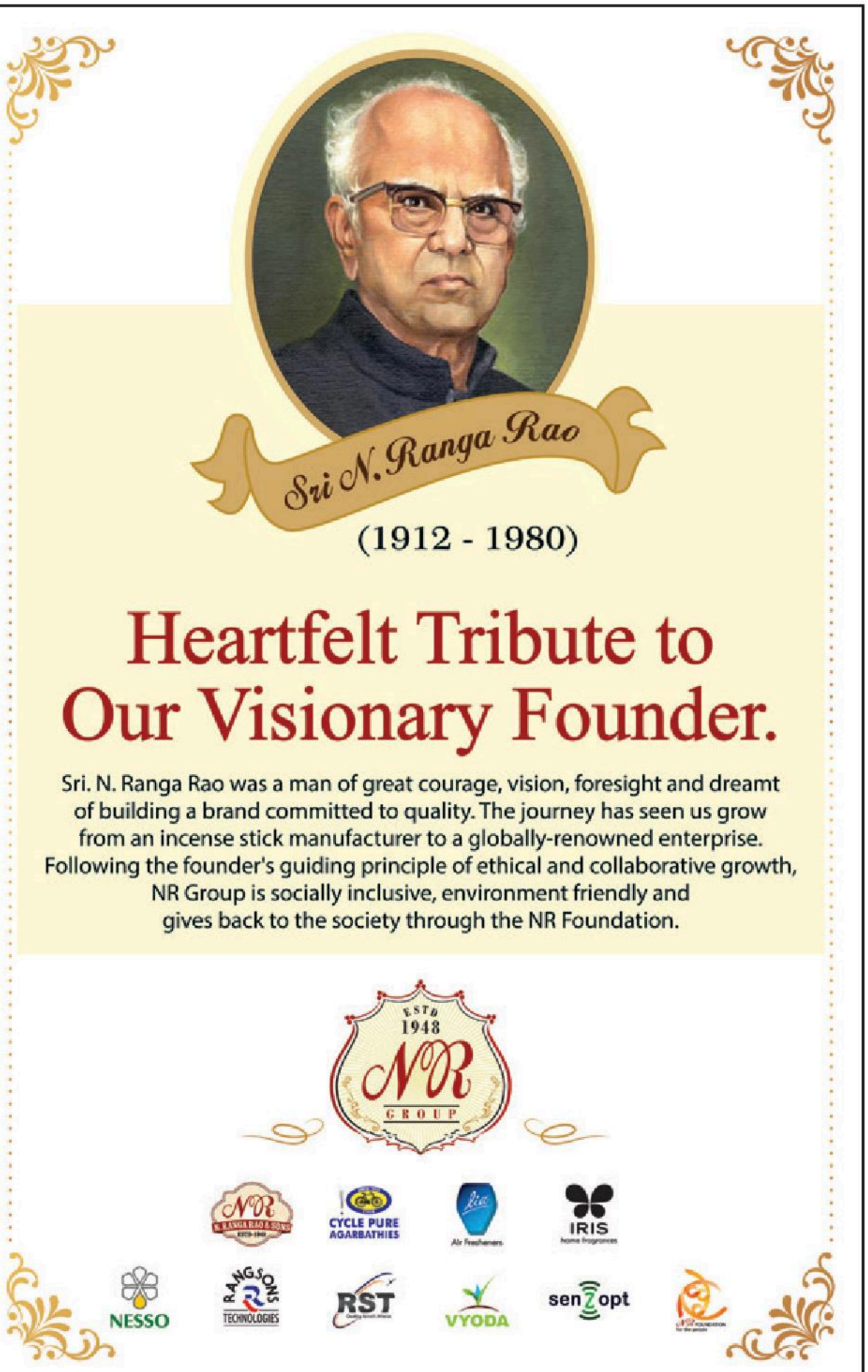
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